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Applicant:

Yoichiro YAMASHITA et al.

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10/699,695

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D.A. WALLS

For:

FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A CIGARETTE AND METHOD OF

PRODUCING THE SAME

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 October 18, 2005

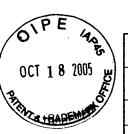
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004 and to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed September 20, 2005, attached hereto is a corrected version of the §1.111 Amendment submitted on February 2, 2005:

The present submission is being timely filed within thirty (30) days of the mailing date of the Notice. Accordingly, no extension of time fees should be due.

This paper includes Claim Set as Amended and Remarks and replaces the Amendment filed on February 2, 2005.





AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER						Docket No. 1131-0491P	
Application No. 10/699,695-Conf. #5835		Filing I November		Examiner D. A. Walls		Art Unit 1731	
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Invention: FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A CIGARETTE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME							
MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is a reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) in the above-							
identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.							
CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate			
Total Claims	13	- 20 =	0	x		0	
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x		0	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)							
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						0.00	
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A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.							
Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.							
The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No02-2448 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.							
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Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.							
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